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1. WE SEE THE INITIAL DRAFT REPORT (SEE REF B) AS SOME-
THING LESS THAN A COMPLETE EXPOSITION OF THE PROBLEMS
THAT SURFACED DURING WINTEX 77.
2. THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC COMMENTS ON THE TEXT OF AC/237-
WP/121 ARE KEYED TO THE PARAGRAPH NUMBERS OF THAT DOCU-
MENT:

PARA 8: THIS PARAGRAPH IS AN ATTEMPT TO GLOSS OVER WHAT
WAS PERHAPS THE MAJOR SHORTCOMING IN THE EXERCISE, NAMELY
THE LACK OF SYNCHRONIZATION OF THE REQUEST FOR DECLARA-
TION OF GENERAL ALERT WITH THE PERIOD OF ACTIVE PERMREP
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PLAY. WE PROPOSE TO INSIST ON RECOGNITION OF THIS OMISSION
AND ITS RESULTING ADVERSE EFFECT ON PERMREP PERCEPTIONS OF
EXERCISE EFFECTIVENESS.

PARA 9: WHILE WE AGREE THAT THE ABSENCE OF THE POLITICAL
COMMITTEE, ALERTS COMMITTEE AND SCEPC FROM ACTIVE PLAY
HAMPERED THE DPC, WE BELIEVE THE NATURE OF THE SCENARIO

AND THE CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED BY THE CPX FORMAT WERE AT LEAST EQUALLY IMPORTANT FACTORS IN LIMITING THE POLITICAL PLAY. NONETHELESS, AS A MEANS TO IMPROVE FOLLOW-ON EXERCISES, WE PROPOSE TO EMPHASIZE THE POINT THAT, IF THE DPC IS TO PLAY IN EXERCISES, ALL NATO CRISIS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES AND STAFFS SHOULD BE ACTIVELY ENGAGED.

PARA 11: WE ENDORSE THE THRUST OF THE THIRD SENTENCE BUT WOULD EMPHASIZE THE NECESSITY FOR EARLY, REPEAT, EARLY POLITICAL INPUT UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES.

PARA 13: WE SEE THE SECOND SENTENCE AS MORE INDICATIVE OF THE PROBLEMS INHERENT IN THE MC-DPC MEETING CYCLE THAN THE PERSPICUITY OF THE IMS. WE INTEND TO SUGGEST THAT THE COEC BE TASKED TO RESEARCH WAYS IN WHICH THIS LENGTHY, AND PERHAPS REDUNDANT, PROCESS MIGHT BE STREAMLINED.

PARA 28: WE BELIEVE THIS PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE POSSIBLE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES OF THE FLOOD OF UNEVALUATED AND OFTEN REDUNDANT DATA THAT ACCOMPANIES EXERCISES AT NATO HEADQUARTERS.

PARA 33: THE VISUAL AIDS PREPARED BY THE SITCEN FOR USE BY THE IMS, WHILE WELL DONE, WERE CONSISTENTLY LIMITED TO DISPLAYS OF EITHER THE FRIENDLY OR ENEMY SITUATION AT A GIVEN TIME. THEY THEREFORE NEITHER COUNTERPOISED NATO/ORANGE FORCES NOR ILLUSTRATED DEVELOPMENTS OVER TIME. THIS LIMITED THE UTILITY OF MOST BRIEFINGS.

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PARA 35 AND 46 AND ANNEX I: THE MAJOR LESSONS LEARNED IN THIS IMPORTANT AREA ARE NOT VERY CLEARLY EXPLICATED, IN PART AT LEAST AS A RESULT OF THE SEA OF MATERIAL PRESENTED. WE BELIEVE THAT ONLY THE MAJOR LESSONS LEARNED SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE MAIN BODY OF THE REPORT AND THAT THE ANNEX SHOULD BE CONSIDERABLY SHORTENED. IN PARTICULAR, WE INTEND TO POINT OUT THAT PARA 37 IS INTERNALLY INCONSISTENT AS WRITTEN AND PARA 40 IS MISLEADING IN THAT THE FACSIMILES WE RECEIVED WERE, IN LARGE PART, ILLEGIBLE.

3. AS OUTLINED IN REF A, WE ALSO PROPOSE TO COMMENT ON THE:

A. SCENARIO ARTIFICIALITIES WHICH EXISTED WITH RESPECT TO REINFORCEMENT TIMING AND CHEMICAL WARFARE.

B. NEED FOR AN ORANGE RESPONSE CELL DURING PERIODS OF DPC PLAY.

C. DESIRABILITY OF INCREASED PUBLIC INFORMATION,
LOGISTICS, AND INTERNAL SECURITY PLAY.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE BY OOB MAY 25,
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